

REMARKS

The present amendment is being made in order to improve the form of the claims prior to examination. This amendment eliminates the phrase "cell comprising a first expression vector" which may be considered indefinite. It is believed that the term "transformed by" is clearer and more appropriate.

Furthermore, cells of a cell line continually multiply. Only the original cells are, strictly speaking, transformed by vectors. Thus, it was clearly intended that progeny of the originally transformed cells be included within the scope of these claims as long as such progeny retains the genetic information originally imparted by the vector or vectors.

In sum, it is believed that the new language more particularly points out and distinctly claims the invention than the previous language.

The parent application serial no. 696,647 has now issued as U.S. patent 4,923,805. A copy of this patent is attached hereto in order to supplement the remarks made in applicant's preliminary amendment of February 28, 1990.

Consideration of the present amendment in conjunction with the previously filed preliminary amendment are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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